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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Andrew B. Lederman

Confirmation No.: 7813

Group Art Unit: 3734

Serial No.: 10/695,886

Examiner: Bachman, Lindsey Michele

Filed: 10/29/2003

Docket No.: 050508-1110

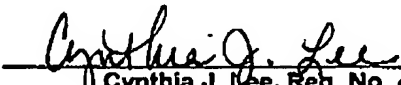
For: **Suture Needles and Methods of Use**

The following is a list of documents enclosed:

**Amendment Transmittal Letter  
Response to Nonfinal Office Action**

Further, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0778 for any additional fees required. The Commissioner is requested to credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (SMALL)</b>				Docket No. <b>050508-1110</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Andrew B. Lederman</b>					
Serial No. <b>10/695,886</b>	Filing Date <b>10/29/2003</b>	Examiner <b>Bachman, Lindsey Michele</b>	Confirmation No. <b>7813</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3734</b>	
Invention: <b>SUTURE NEEDLES AND METHODS OF USE</b>					
<b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>Mail Stop Amendment</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria VA 22313-1450</b>					
Transmitted herewith is a Response to Nonfinal Office Action in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>16 -</b>	<b>21 =</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>X \$25.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>INDEP. CLAIMS</b>	<b>3 -</b>	<b>4 =</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>X \$100.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					<b>\$180.00</b>
<b>EXTENSION FEE</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>\$60.00</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>\$225.00</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>\$510.00</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>\$795.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Other Fees:					<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of \$_____. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of the above fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.					
 Cynthia J. Lee, Reg. No. 46,033			11/30/06 Date		

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For: **SUTURE NEEDLES AND METHODS OF USE**

**RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The nonfinal Office Action dated September 11, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.